

MINUTES

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WORKFORCE PROFICIENCY PANEL

August 19, 2002

Minute No. 1

Call to Order

Jim Edwards, Chair, called the meeting of the Workforce Proficiency Panel to order.

Minute No. 2

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

It was established a quorum was present. Panel members present were Jim Edwards, Jerry Seager, James Pittman, Mike Hayes, B. J. Bischoff, and Marianetta Blackwell. Members absent were Ron Christ, Johnny Alderman, and Kathy Sutton.

Minute No. 3

Consideration of the June 17, 2002 Minutes, Document 02-3 Workforce Proficiency Panel

Panel member Hayes moved the Minutes of the June 17, 2002 Meeting, Document 02-3 be approved. Seconded by Panel member Pittman; unanimously carried. (Copy filed with official Minutes.)

Minute No. 4

Discussion Item: American Welding Society (AWS) Certification

Terry Fields, State Director, Vocational and Technical Education provided the Panel with a power point presentation that highlighted the American Welding Society and their AWS Certification. (Copy filed with official Minutes.) An individual from AWS could not attend the Panel meeting due to budget constraints. The AWS Certification meets the criteria approved by the Panel for endorsing other state and national certifications. These are; performance based assessments; industry driven skills; have high skill, high wage jobs with a career pathway; covers technical, academic, and employability skills; and meets labor market demand identified by the State. After an initial evaluation of reading, writing, and communications, AWS then goes to performance, technical, then welding evaluation. Discussion on AWS followed.

Panel member Seager suggested information on AWS be sent to Panel members not in attendance. The Panel will take action on the AWS Certification at the October 21, 2002 meeting.

Mr. Fields introduced Matt Crites, Technical Education Specialist, to discuss the three (3) nominations which Chair Edwards and Panel member Christ had questioned. Mr. Crites provided a power point overview of the Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Institute; Equipment and Engine Training Council Heavy Equipment and

Engine Technology Accreditation program; and The Society of Manufacturing Engineers. (Copy filed with official Minutes.) Research on these Certifications will be done by staff to see if they meet the Panel's criteria. Any certifications meeting the Panel's criteria will be brought before them for discussion and action. Discussion on the three (3) certifications followed.

Minute No. 5

Discussion Item: Certificates of Technical Achievement

Mr. Fields updated the Panel on the Certificate of Technical Achievement (CTA) Report. (Copy filed with official Minutes.) Mr. Fields provided an overview of the CTA Report for the Panel. The CTA Report is updated on the internet at the beginning of every month. This report shows the increase in CTA's from the June Panel meeting. Discussion on the CTA Report followed.

Panel member Bischoff conducted a review of all Indiana Grants. In her review, Panel member Bischoff discovered over 75% of the GET Grant recipients were male. Mr. Fields stated he would bring this fact to the attention of the review committee. Chair Edwards stated the reason for this was the possibility that most of the GET Grant recipients were manufacturing companies. Less women are involved in the manufacturing area than other areas. Chair Edwards updated the Panel on House Bill 1962 and the establishment of GET Grants for incumbent worker training.

Minute No. 6

Discussion Item: Information Items

Mr. Fields stated he would be attending a meeting in September on career clusters in Charleston, South Carolina. This meeting is in conjunction with the National State Director's meeting.

Minute No. 7

Discussion Item: Other

There was no other business to come before the Panel.

Minute No. 8

Adjournment

Chair Edwards declared the meeting adjourned.

Date_____ Chair_____ Secretary_____
James D. Edwards Jerry Seager